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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] A web side 26 includes a web page 28 for direct interaction with other brokers 12 and with end users 14. A broker side 30 includes point-of-sale (POS) software 32 adapted for managing broker operations. The brokers 12 can interface with the central exchange system 6 through broker client applications 34, which can also be programmed with a number of different programming languages using various suitable programming techniques including, but not limited to, Visual Basic (VB). The brokers' POS software can comprise different levels of features and functionalities, such as the SQL server 36 with a full range of features and functionalities, and a MySQL server 38 for a reduced-feature application. The broker-controlled servers 36, 38 can access data in respective local databases 40 whereby the broker subscribers control their perspective data in their own databases 39, which are connected to respective remote computers 8 and can be physically located at the brokers' respective places of business. The brokers' computers 8 are adapted for downloading ticket information from and uploading or "pushing up" ticket information to the central exchange system 6 according to predetermined rules, at least some of which are controlled by the brokers 12, as described in more detail below.

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